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Dear Examiner Uhlir,

Attached are: an Amendment in response to the Official Action dated April 12, 2004, a 1-month Extension of Time, Fee Sheet, Change of Address and a copy of the Limited Recognition under 37 C.F.R. § 10.9(b) for Klaus Schweitzer.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that Applicants have made a significant and important contribution to the art, which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the art. It is believed that all of pending Claims 1 through 19 are now in condition for immediate allowance. It is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned if any questions remain to expedite examination of this application.

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